

Report of Accomplishments

Fiscal Year 2005

Caribou Soil Conservation District

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Counties Served Caribou

Legislative District(s) District 31



Mission Statement

The Caribou Soil Conservation District is dedicated to promoting wise land use, providing information and education and giving assistance to anyone looking for ways of conserving our natural resources.

Natural Resource Improvements Summary

Between EQIP, WHIP, CRP, CCRP and a 319 Water Quality Project the District was able to assist 112 cooperators to install 43 best management practices helping protect the Portneuf, Bear and Blackfoot Rivers from and their tributaries.

These practices include:

- * 2,500 acres of pasture and hayland planting
- * 82,059 ft of exclusion fence installed
- * 7 watering wells drilled
- * 36,177 ft of pipeline, 9 watering troughs installed
- * 2 waste storage facilities, 3 corral berms and earth work
- * 5 windbreaks installed and 1 grass demonstration project



Riparian Buffer

Conservation District Priority # 1

Water Quality

- a) 29,980 ft of irrigation systems, 36,177 ft of pipeline, improving water quality & quantity.
- b) 3,525 feet of stream bank and shoreline protection
- c) 8 spring developments, 4 troughs, 2 pumping plants,
- d) 2 waste storage facilities, 193 acres of use exclusion and
- e) Reviewed agriculture TMPL plan for the Portneuf River

Conservation District Priority #2

Public Outreach

- a) 14 newspaper articles in the local newspaper
- b) 220 posters entered in the IASCD poster contest
- c) Approximately 65 students participating in the State Land and Soil Evaluation Event and Range Contest
- d) 1 Summer Tour
- e) Participated in Soil and Water Stewardship Week
- f) Taught how to make homemade ice cream to kids at the county fair.



Students attending the State Land & Soil Evaluation Event

Conservation District Priority # 3

Rangeland

- a) 12,151 ft of cross fence, 193 acres of use exclusion
- b) 5,680 acres of prescribed grazing
- c) 9 troughs, 8 spring developments, 4 wells
- d) 2 waste storage facilities.
- e) 2,500 acres of pasture and hayland planting



Conservation District Priority # 4

Dry Cropland

- a) Dry cropland is very vital to the economy of the County.
It is managed to provide the most efficient use for a permanent high yielding crop production.
- b) 1 grass demonstration project.

Conservation District Priority # 5

Weed Management

- a) Participated in and sponsored the Highlands Cooperative Weed Management Area program.
- b) Donate to the Idaho Weed Awareness Campaign.
- c) Worked with 12 landowners on the control of noxious weeds.



Highlands CWMA

Information & Education/ Public Outreach

The Caribou SCD sponsored this year's regional field day for the State Land and Soil Evaluation Event. The students split up into teams to determine such things as: physical analysis of the soil, soil structure and texture, permeability, water holding capacity and soil depth. The District also sponsored the State Range Contest.

Also important to the District is the Natural Resources Workshop held in Ketchum. They sponsored students to attend this workshop to learn about our natural resources.

Students in the 5th and 6th grade have the opportunity to enter a poster contest. We had two students place in the Division level and one student go on to take second at the state level.

Eight different newspaper articles were put in the local newspaper throughout the year, informing the general public of what's going on with conservation in the county. Six different articles on "Backyard Conservation" ran weekly to let people know of things they could do in their own yards.

A tour was held to look at a Whip project, EQIP project, windbreak and a grass demonstration project south of Grace that the District sponsored.

Distribute information on weed control and USDA programs and services to the general public at the county fair.

Synopsis of Assistance Coordinated for Constituents with Conservation Partners - to plan, design & implement BMPs to protect, enhance, and conserve Idaho's renewable natural resources.

Source	Purpose/Benefit	Funded Amount
Caribou County	District Operations	\$ 9,000.00
State of Idaho	District Operations	\$ 16,574.00
* DEQ 319 Grant	Water Quality	\$ 136,530.00
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USDA Farm Programs	Conservation	\$ 8,500,000.00
Total		\$ 8,780,485.00

* 319 Grant funds received

** 319 Grant funds spent for BMP implementation

Idaho Conservation Districts assisting landowners and operators with their conservation choices.

